Transcript of the President's News Conference on Foreign and Domestic Matters

Following is a transcript of Presi-dent Carter's news conference in Wash-ington last night, as recorded by The New York Times:

OPENING STATEMENT

Since the day our Embassy was seized in Teheran we've had two goals: one, the safety and release of the Americans being held hostage; and the other is the protection of our national interests in this critical area of the

interests in this critical area of the world.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Restoration of Shah

Q. Mr. President, do you think it was pipoper for the United States to restore the Shah to the throne in 1853 against the popular will in Iran?

A. That's ancient history, and I don't think it's appropriate or helpful for me to go into the propriety of something that happened 30 years ago.

Contest With Kennedy

Q. Mr. President, Senator Kennedy ppears to have taken off the gloves in its direct contests with you and today one of your closest associates have eemed to do likewise in rebuttal. I winder what is your position. Are you ong to turn the other cheek to Senator the contest of the contest of



A civilian auto in Kabul passing a column of Soviet armored vehicles along a spowy street in Kabul

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suffer the consequences of their ac-cions.

Everything we've done has been to contribute to stability, moderation, contribute to stability, moderation, to the contribute of the contribute of the have taken actions on our own, and we have asked our allies and others to join in with us in the condemnation of the soviet Union and the demand that the soviet Union and the demand that the sand to convince them that any further adventurism on their part would cause grave consequences to the Soviet Union.

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In my judgment, our forces are adequate. We cannot afford to let the Soviets choose either the terrain or the tacture of the soviets choose either the terrain or the tacture that the property of the control of the major to be made at the reighbors, our allies or ourselves—if they should persist — persist in their aggressive action. Those judgments will have to be made at the time, but I believe they're adequate.

Iran and Afghanistan

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Afghanistan Regime

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Q. Mr. President, in Afghanistan again, sir, what kind of regime would be acceptable to you? The Russians have said that if they withdraw they have left the indication that they would six on a heart six on a heart six on a heart six on a featuralist regime or what ideas have you on it?

A. What we would like to have first of all is a Soviet withdrawal and a commitment that might be verified and mitment that might be verified and insumed that might be reinfied and invade another country or use their military forces beyond their borders again to destabilize the peace. We would like to have a neutral country. If there has to be a transition phase dure government might be established acceptable to the Afghanistan people, then perhaps some peace-keeping force espoused by the United Nations may be comprised of Mostem military trops comprised of Mostem military trops transition phase.

there are sharp, identifiable, well-known differences between me and the Senator that have been clearly expressed by me from the White fouse, out in the different parts of the country. I might say additionally that I have not secluded myself. In the last two months I have had cross-examination by news people, open forums. I've the control of the country. I might say additionally that I have not secluded myself. In the last two months I have had cross-examination by news people, open forums. I've the control of the country positions at all. My proposals have been very clear. But I look forward to the time when I can campaign without restraint, and I can take care of the are released. I might add one other personal point: We cannot lessen the commitment of the American people that a crisis does indeed exist as long as 50 innocent kidnappers. Some attenuation or lovering of the focus of attention on the hostages is inevitable. But I, as President, have got to maintain the accurate image that we do have a crisis, which I were the season of the control of the control of the country are released. I want the American people to know I want I want

espoised by the United Nations may be comprised of Moslem military troops or otherwise, could be used during that transition phase consideration that I have is to make sure that the Soviets know that their invasion is not acceptable, to marshal as much support from other nations as possible and to prevent other nations as possible and to prevent ocause a war, I think through strength we can maintain peace, but we've got to be resolute, we've got to be consistent and our actions have got to be in a clearly understood by the Soviet Union.

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I want the American people to know it. I wan the Iranians to know it. I wan the hostages families and the hostages to know it. I want the hostages to know it. I want the world to know that I am not going to resume business-as-usual as a partisan campaigner out on the campaign trail until our hostages are back here — free and at home.

Debate With Kennedy

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Q. Mr. President, Senator Kennedy
has made your decision not to debate a
major campaign issue. I wonder if you
might be willing to debate if the hostages are released, would you be willing to debate then, or would you want to
wait until the Soviets leave Afghanimajor be willing to debate in debate
your Democratic challenges
the general election this fall?
A. As I've just said, when the hostages are released I would resume normal campaigning. Whether or not or
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week of a lease set he invitations received
and the circumstances prevailing then.

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Q. Mr. President, this is an issue on which you and Senator Kennedy agree which you and Senator Kennedy agree which you and Senator Kennedy agree which you know President Nixon bailed out Lockheed, ostensibly, to take care of the corporation—that's the traditional Republican ally, and it wish — some off the corporation—that she traditional Republican and Democratic administrations and Senator Kennedy are — this is on the road to socialism: Government of the senator of the

Olympics Boycott
Q. You have said, sir, that the Soviets have to be made to pay a price for in have to be made to pay a price for in has said that our beycott of the Olympics in the seeming difference between these two positions?

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clearly understood by the Soviet Union.

Defense Spending.

Q. Mr. President, you have called for an increase of about 5 percent in military defense spending. Some members of Congress have suggested that that might be too small, given the invasion would you support a plan by Contons to go as far as doubling the current 5 percent increase in military spending?

A. Ever since the first year I've been President, we what as substantial and fense, because I recognized that we had some defects in our defense capability when I became President. I might add, in complete accuracy, that President, Ford had initiated this builton shortly in the same president of orders. It's one I've continued.

In my opinion, the military budget that we have presented to the Ongress in recent weeks is the appropriate level that we have presented to the Ongress in recent weeks is the appropriate level matched to how rapidly we can purchase and develop weapons, and accurately matched to the utimate goals of deployment of our troops, the mobility of our troops and the interrelationship with the proof of the proposed of the propose

The Kennedy Challenge

Carter Backs a Commission on Iran

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Q. Mr. President, do you believe that draft-age youth are overreacting to your registration policy, which are fears that this will directly lead to a draft?

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your negestration pointy, which are for a first first his will directly lead to a farth? At this will directly lead to a farth? At this will directly lead to a farth? At the heave not called for and do not anticlease calling for a draft. The best way to prevent having a draft in the future and because the second of the second of the prepared. The registration which I have called for, and which I am sure the Congress to 100 days, weeks or even months in a mobilization effort if it should be called for in the future. We are not odo cating registration for the draft. We are advocating registration for draft. I marshal an additional discussion and commitment among the American people, and a realization that the peace it threatened and that everything that the Congress and others—is to take peace ful action, preventive action, to prevent he Soviets from taking further steps that might lead to a war.

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that might lead to saving thrule steps that might lead to saving the saving thrule steps that might lead to saving the saving that he world that I know about including most of our major allies, not only have registration, but have the active, or going draft. And this includes countries like Mexico, Germany, France, Norway, Belgium, Switzerland, many other countries. Fifty-five of them have he actual draft. I'm not advocating a So there has been a gross overreaction, And I think the registration for the draft will help us in other ways that I need not detail in . . . [reporters' voices override President's voice].

U.S. and Moscow Games

Q. Mr. President, if the Soviets by any chance should remove their troops from Afghanista between Feb. 20 and May 24, when the Olympics Committees have to give their decision, is there exists the property of the committee of th

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Support by Allies

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Q. Mr. President, as you know the
French have agreed or have not agreed
to go to a foreign ministers conference
in Rome later this month. The West
Germans have not agreed to the olymsatisfactions and there's been some dissatisfactions, or with your Administration's, or with your Administration's, or with your Administration's, or with your Administration's reaction to the Japanese,
they you been entirely satisfied with
the Japanese, the French and the West
shamet and sanctions against the
Soviet Union?

An ageneral I have been well pleased. There's a remarkable degree of unanimity among our major allies about the seriousness of the Soviet threat into Atphanistan, and the activation of the soviet threat into Atphanistan, and the activation of the soviet threat and prevent further aggression by the Soviet Union.

There are mances of difference. The countries are different. They have different of the soviet Union.

There are mances of difference. The countries are different. They have different forms of government. Some are coalition governments where the prime minister has a party — a different party represented in his foreign minister. We do have times when we get aggravated and displeased, for instance, with the French get aggravated and displeased, for instance, with the French. There are times when the French get aggravated and displeased, for instance, with the French get aggravated and displeased of the south of the south

Telling of Military Needs

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Q. Sir, I wonder if you think that we really need a national effort to try to make people better informed about their need for cooperation to fill these vacancies in the military?

I would be the military forces are comprised of women. And we anticipate, with no changes in present circumstances, that it would be the military forces are comprised of women. And we anticipate, with no some properties of the military forces are comprised of women. And we anticipate, with no some now fill about 39 percent, to 19 percent, to 19 percent of our total armed forces.

Women now fill about 39 percent of the different kinds of billets that we have no intention or need for implementing the drawing the some people believe that it we advocant to the compress, and the Congress would never approve any legislation that would permit women to engage in actual combat. In have no intention of advocating to the Congress, and the Congress would never approve any legislation that would permit women to engage in actual combat. I also the propers are the would permit women to engage in actual combat. And 1 believe that when the Congress starts debating this issue, after they decide detail about the program for registration, those — that will creat and it better.

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Q. Mr. President, the goals of your
anti-inflation program as incorporated
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guidelines attempt to hold down prices,
including those charged by oil companies, sir. However, these goals appear
to conflict with the goals of your energy
program, which are to conserve oil and
through allowing the prices of gasoline,
heating oil and diesel fuel to rise. Does
your Administration, sir, have plans to
deal with this conflict? And do these
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tion guidelines?

A. There is no doubt that there are many conflicts that presently exist in our very confused energy situation. The conflicts have made to them that will give us for the first time in history a comprehensive, clear, understandable, legal energy policy.

There are only two ways that we neduce imports of foreign oil. One is to increase production in our own country, energy of all kinds. And secondly, to improve conservation, to cut outsite.

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In my judgment, the artificial holding down by subsidies and otherwise of the price of oil conflicts with both these principles. Because if oil is excessively cheap, financed by the general public, much of it and probably waste some And also it prevents competitive forms of energy like solar power, for instance, from being developed. Because cestively cheap price of with the accessively cheap price of the contract of

solar power has to compete with an excessively cheap price of oil.

There is no doubt — I don't want to
mislead anybody — that everywhere in
the world, all prices and general
energy prices have been going up. And,
prices will continue to go up.
But every American will be benefited
if we cut out waste, continue to conserve, produce more energy here at
home, and shift to more plentiful suptimes and shift to more plentiful suptimes are replenishable, that come directly
from the sun.

I might point out that the American
people as a result of partially imple
menting our new energy policy have
import now about a million barrels a
day of foreign oil less than we did the
day I was inaugurated. And this lats
year alone we've cut down consumtion of energy overall about 5 percent
Gasoline in December was 10 percent
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ago. We've got a long way to go, but the American consciousness had to be built We've got a long way to go, out use American consciousness had to be built up that there is indeed an energy crisis, that we do indeed, as you point out so wisely, have major conflicts in our programs in the past that prevented progress and we need a clear and consistent well understood policy to put into effect in our country.

Equal Rights Amendment

Q. Is the policy of your Administra-tion to boycott wherever possible the states which have not ratified E.R.A.? I'm referring to a memot that — A. No, that's not my policy.

Defense of Yugoslavia

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Q. Mr. President, you once said that
you wern't sure whether American
troops should ever be used to defend
typoslavia. Marshal Tito is sick. In
light of Afghanistan do you still feel
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the still still still still still still still still still
marshal Tito when be was here not
too long ago. The overall message that
rate, is that Yugoslavia is a strong,
flercely independent, courageous, wellguipped nation that can defend itself.
If we are called upon to give any kind of
ture, we would seriously consider it and
do what, in our opinion, would be best
for them and for us. I've had frequent
conversations recently with other
or them and for us. I've had frequent
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meed to attempte no ut less with Yugoslavia and to protect them as a nonaligned country without being dominated or threatened successfully by the
Soviet Union. Will take whater the
goals—but commensurate with actual
meed and commensurate with specific
requests from Yugoslavia itself.
Q. Thank you, Mr. President.
A. Thank you very much.